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Office of the Village Manager

MEMORANDUM

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Village Manager
 John C. Gilbert

DATE: October 8, 2013

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Village Council

FROM: John C. Gilbert, Village Manager

RE: Homestead Exemption Fraud

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the Village Council approve the attached Resolution allowing the Village Police Department to participate in the Miami-Dade County Property Appraiser's Task Force to investigate Homestead Exemption fraud within the Village.

BACKGROUND

In continuing efforts to aggressively investigate Homestead Exemption fraud in Miami-Dade County, Property Appraiser Carlos Lopez-Cantera has announced a new initiative with Miami-Dade County Public Schools and 9 other cities (see list of confirmed participating municipalities below) to identify tax cheats. The goal is to identify homestead fraud that ultimately affects funding for schools, law enforcement, fire departments and libraries.

Participants:

- Village of Pinecrest
- City of Miami Gardens
- City of Coral Gables
- City of Sweetwater
- City of Miami

The attached Resolution was prepared by Chad Friedman from the Village Attorney's Office for legal form and sufficiency.

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAYNE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER'S TASK FORCE TO INVESTIGATE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FRAUD WITHIN THE VILLAGE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, homestead exemption fraud has been reported to be a serious problem within Miami-Dade County (the "County"); and

WHEREAS, property owners that erroneously claim homestead exemptions negatively affect local governments within the County, including the Village of Key Biscayne (the "Village"); and

WHEREAS, as such, the Village Council desires to authorize the Village Manager to participate in the County Property Appraiser's Task Force (the "Task Force") to investigate homestead exemption fraud within the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council finds that this Resolution is in the best interest and welfare of the residents of the Village.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAYNE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals Adopted. Each of the above stated recitals are hereby adopted, confirmed and incorporated herein.

Section 2. Authorization. The Village Council hereby authorizes the Village Manager to participate in the Task Force.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2013.

MAYOR FRANKLIN H. CAPLAN

ATTEST:

CONCHITA H. ALVAREZ, MMC, VILLAGE CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

VILLAGE ATTORNEY